

**Sunday**

May 10, 2020

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**Crisis  
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**WHAT**

**ANSWERS  
GROUNDED**

**&**

**IN FAITH  
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**WHY**

WHAT

1 PETER

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3:13-15

WHY



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God is real.

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I have hope because

God is infinite and personal.

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**Why do you have hope?**

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**I have hope because**

*God is sovereign and providential.*

# WHAT & WHY

Question?

Why can God being  
**'sovereign'** and **'providential'**  
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# WHAT & WHY

What does '*sovereign*' mean?

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What does '*providential*' mean?

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**What does '*sovereign*' mean?**

We usually think of a King or a Queen  
with authority and power....

# WHAT & WHY

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Constitutional Monarch

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### Constitutional Monarch

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### Absolute Monarch

King Salman bin  
Abdulaziz  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



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...however, on a human level

***“absolute power corrupts absolutely”.***



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...belief in the existence of a supreme being, specifically of a creator who does not intervene in the universe. The term is used chiefly of an intellectual movement of the 17th and 18th centuries that accepts the existence of a creator on the basis of reason but rejects belief in a supernatural deity who interacts with humankind.

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*Deism* ————— *Determinism*

...the doctrine that all events, including human action, are ultimately determined by causes external to the will. Some philosophers have taken determinism to imply that individual human beings have no free will and cannot be held morally responsible for their actions.

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### *Theism*

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...belief in the existence of god, especially belief in one God as creator of the universe, who intervenes in it and sustains a personal relationship with His creatures.

# WHAT & WHY

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*General providence*

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*Determinism*

*Special providence*

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### General providence

God's continuous upholding of the existence  
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*Deism*

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### *Special providence*

God's extraordinary intervention  
in the life of people.



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*...because we can trust God because He not only has  
all the authority and all the ability  
to handle my life and circumstances,  
but also because He has all the intent to do that in a way that  
brings the most good both in His expansive will and kingdom  
but also in my life and the lives of those around me.*

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